

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A projector according to Claim 1,~~ A projector,

comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a light source;

\_\_\_\_\_ a liquid crystal device which modulates light emitted from the light source;

\_\_\_\_\_ the liquid crystal device having a base substrate that has a plurality of pixel electrodes disposed in a matrix arrangement and a plurality of drive elements corresponding to the pixel electrodes and electrically coupled therewith, a counter substrate provided with a light-shielding mask that covers at least a portion of the drive elements, and liquid crystals provided between the base substrate and the counter substrate, wherein an angle of light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted so that the light does not strike the drive elements;

\_\_\_\_\_ a projection lens which projects the light modulated by the liquid crystal device;  
and

\_\_\_\_\_ a condenser lens being further provided at a light-incident side of the liquid crystal device, and, by shifting a center axis of light incident upon the condenser lens and an optical axis of the condenser lens in parallel so that the incident angle of light that strikes the drive elements becomes small when the center axis of the light incident upon the condenser lens and the optical axis of the condenser lens coincide, the angle of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted.

3. (Previously Presented) A projector according to Claim 2, an optical axis of the projection lens being shifted parallel to the center axis of the light incident upon the condenser lens in the same direction as the optical axis of the condenser lens.

4.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, a center axis of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device coinciding with a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device.

13. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, a viewing angle compensating film which causes a center axis of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device and a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device to coincide being further provided at the light-incident side of the liquid crystal device.

14. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, a viewing angle compensating film which causes a center axis of light emitted from the liquid crystal device and a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device to coincide being further provided at a light-exiting side of the liquid crystal device.

15. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, viewing angle compensating films being further provided at a light-incident side and a light-exiting side of the liquid crystal device.

16. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, a scanning line and a data line that crosses and is situated above the scanning line on the base substrate being provided at the base substrate, and the drive elements being connected to the data line and the scanning line, and including channel areas and semiconductor layers situated below the scanning line on the substrate.

17. (Currently Amended) A projector according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 2, a color light separation optical system which separates the light emitted from the light source into light

beams of a plurality of colors being disposed between the light source and the liquid crystal device.

18. (Previously Presented) A projector according to Claim 17, further comprising a plurality of the liquid crystal devices in correspondence with the light beams of a plurality of colors.